**American Literature Research Paper**

As we examine the world around us, it is apparent that there are many issues and problems within our society. Although the most pessimistic in our society may believe there is no hope or solution to these problems, many, however, believe otherwise. In this paper, you will focus on one specific problem in American society today. You will research this problem, propose probable solutions, and research those solutions. Your topic should be related to American society. Topics may be inspired from literature, history, current events, etc. You may select a topic from the topic sheet or you may select a topic of your own. If you choose your own topic, I need to approve it first. This paper should express your own opinions on your selected topics and researched solutions.

Requirements:

* MLA format (Times New Roman, size 12, 1” margins, etc.)
* 5-7 pages
* 40 note cards submitted via NoddleTools, Google Docs, or by hand
* 5-7 sources (no more than 2 book sources, no more than 2 websites—note: this is not a database) and source cards
* Minimum of 15 citations (direct quotes and paraphrases) with a Works Cited page
* Outline
* Rubric attached and completed
* Annotated bibliography on 4 sources (they do not necessarily have to include all the sources you have used. It can include sources that you decided not to use.) \*\*This is due before the final draft of the paper is due!\*\*

Timeline (ALL MUST BE TURNED IN ON TIME!)

NoodleTools (account setup) March 31

5 sources due: April 5

40 note cards due: April 5

Outline due: April 7

Rough draft due: April 12

Annotated bibliography due: April 18

Final paper due: April 24

Library Work Days

April 4th GOAL: Cite 1 print source

April 5th GOAL: Complete all 5 sources

If at anytime you are having trouble, feeling nervous, or need reassurance you are meeting expectations, please email me at [s.harrison@pndhs.org](mailto:s.harrison@pndhs.org). I will respond within 24 hours to all questions. If your questions cannot be answered via email, I will be happy to set up a time to meet and discuss your paper outside of class.